means to do harm both because of his former valour and of his present situation, being Governor of Burgoyne The King hath sent for him *by* three several messengers

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There hath been great pressing of late in London and strange as ever was known in England, committed by my Lord Mayor and the rest contrary to their instructions from the Lords of the Council, insomuch that this last Sunday (the gth) letters were directed to Sir John Peyton and Sir Jerome Bowes to examine these indiscreet proceedings, and all such as had cause to complain should be heard and their causes redressed So that upon the Tuesday following there was a proclamation in London that no gentleman or serving man should any more be impressed, for the week before they did not only press gentle-men and serving men, but lawyers, clerks, countrymen that had law caases, aye the Queen's men, knights, and as it was credibly reported one Earl, quite contrary to what the Council and especially my Lord Chief Justice had intended For their meaning was that they should take out of all ordinaries all cheating companions as such as had no ability to live in such places, all such as they could find in bawdy houses and bowling alleys , which they never went to any but only to the bowling alleys All the playhouses were beset in one day and very many pressed from thence, so that in all are pressed 4,000, besides 500 voluntaries, and all for Flanders

Of late there have been several killed with knives One Mr Bowton was killed with a knife by a little boy, my Lord of Canterbury's page, being Sir Thomas Wyllford's son, and in the same week Boughton that is Mistress Fowler's brother

Captain Haynes that was in the Fleet about her horrible bawdry and beastly villainies, he killed another prisoner, for which he was hanged in Smithfield

There is an Italian at Court that doth wonderful strange tricks upon the cards, as telling of any card that is thought, or changing one card from another though it be held by any man never so hard under his hand The Queen gave him 200 crowns for showing his tricks, and divers gentlemen make meetings for him where lie getteth sometimes 20, sometimes 40